

Friday, 4 March 1949

COMMITTEE ON RULES

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The CHAIRMAN: The next bill we will consider is H.R. 2663, introduced by Mr. Sasscer of Maryland, who wishes a rule introduced by Mr. Sasscer of Maryland, who will on this particular bill. You may proceed, Mr. Sasscer.

Statement of Mr. Sasscer

Mr. Chairman, briefly this bill is directed to the outlining of the procedure of the Central Intelligence Agency, and legalizing various functions that they have been carrying on, and to consolidate within the CIA certain functions that have been carried on in some of the other departments.

I presume the Committee is familiar with the work

of the CIA, and therefore will not go into details on

It gives the Agency authority to purchase up to \$1,000, which authority is now enjoyed by the Armed Services. It was felt that was extremely important that they be permitted to make purchases without advertising because time is necessary to keep secret some of the items and things that they are purchasing.

The section in the bill on which some interest has been directed is the section which admits 100 aliens on a certificate of the Director of Central Intelligence. That has the safeguard around it of the necessity of having the Attorney General pass upon and O.K. the entrance of those particular aliens. This important feature of the proposed legislation provides that whenever the Director and the Attorney General determine that the entry of an alien for permanent residence into the United States is essential to the furtherance of the national intelligence mission, such alien and his immediate family shall be